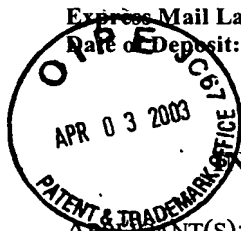


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

A. Introductory Comments

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) of the above identified prior non-provisional application in response to the Final Office Action, mailed October 9, 2002. No fee is believed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment (other than the filing fee of \$1086.00 enclosed herewith and the three-month extension of time fee of \$930.00 required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)). However, should any additional fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19721-007 CPA, Customer Number 30263.

Please amend the above-identified CPA application as follows: